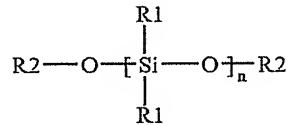


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) Ambient temperature curable coating composition comprising

[[-]] a branched alkoxy-functional polysiloxane having the formula



wherein each R1 is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having up to six carbon atoms, aryl groups having up to six carbon atoms, and alkoxy groups having up to six carbon atoms, and OSi(OR₃)₃ groups, wherein each R₃ independently has the same meaning as R₁ R₁, each R2 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and alkyl, and aryl groups having up to six carbon atoms, and wherein n is selected such that the molecular weight of the polysiloxanes is in the range of from 200 to about 5,000,

[[-]] an amino-functional catalyst,

[[-]] an acrylic polymer which is substantially free of functional groups that can react with the polysiloxane or with the catalyst in the coating composition,

wherein said coating composition comprises more than 60% by weight solids.

2. (Original) Coating composition according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the acrylic polymer is obtained by polymerisation in the polysiloxane.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the catalyst is an aminosilane.

6. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

7. (Currently amended) Coating composition according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

8. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 7, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 1-60% by weight of methyl methacrylate and 0-70% by weight of butyl methacrylate in 20-80% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

9. (Previously Presented) A process for applying a protective coating, the process comprising applying the coating composition according to claim 1 to a surface.

10. (Previously Presented) A process for coating, the process comprising applying the coating composition according to claim 1 at ambient temperature of to a large structure selected from the group consisting of a ship, a bridge, a building, an industrial plant, and an oil rig.

11. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the polysiloxane is an alkoxy silyl-functional polysiloxane.

12. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the catalyst is an aminosilane.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 2, characterised in that wherein the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

15. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 3, characterised in that wherein the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

16. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 5, characterised in that wherein the acrylic polymer has a glass transition temperature between 0°C and 100°C.

17. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 3, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

18. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 5, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

19. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 6, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 20-80% by weight of acrylic monomers in 80-20% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

20. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 17, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 1-60% by weight of methyl methacrylate and 0-70% by weight of butyl methacrylate in 20-80% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.

21. (Currently Amended) Coating composition according to claim 18, characterised in that wherein the coating composition has been obtained by polymerising 1-60% by weight of methyl methacrylate and 0-70% by weight of butyl methacrylate in 20-80% by weight of polysiloxane, wherein the % by weight is calculated based on the total weight of the olefinically unsaturated monomers plus the polysiloxane before the start of the polymerisation reaction of the acrylate monomers, followed by adding the catalyst.